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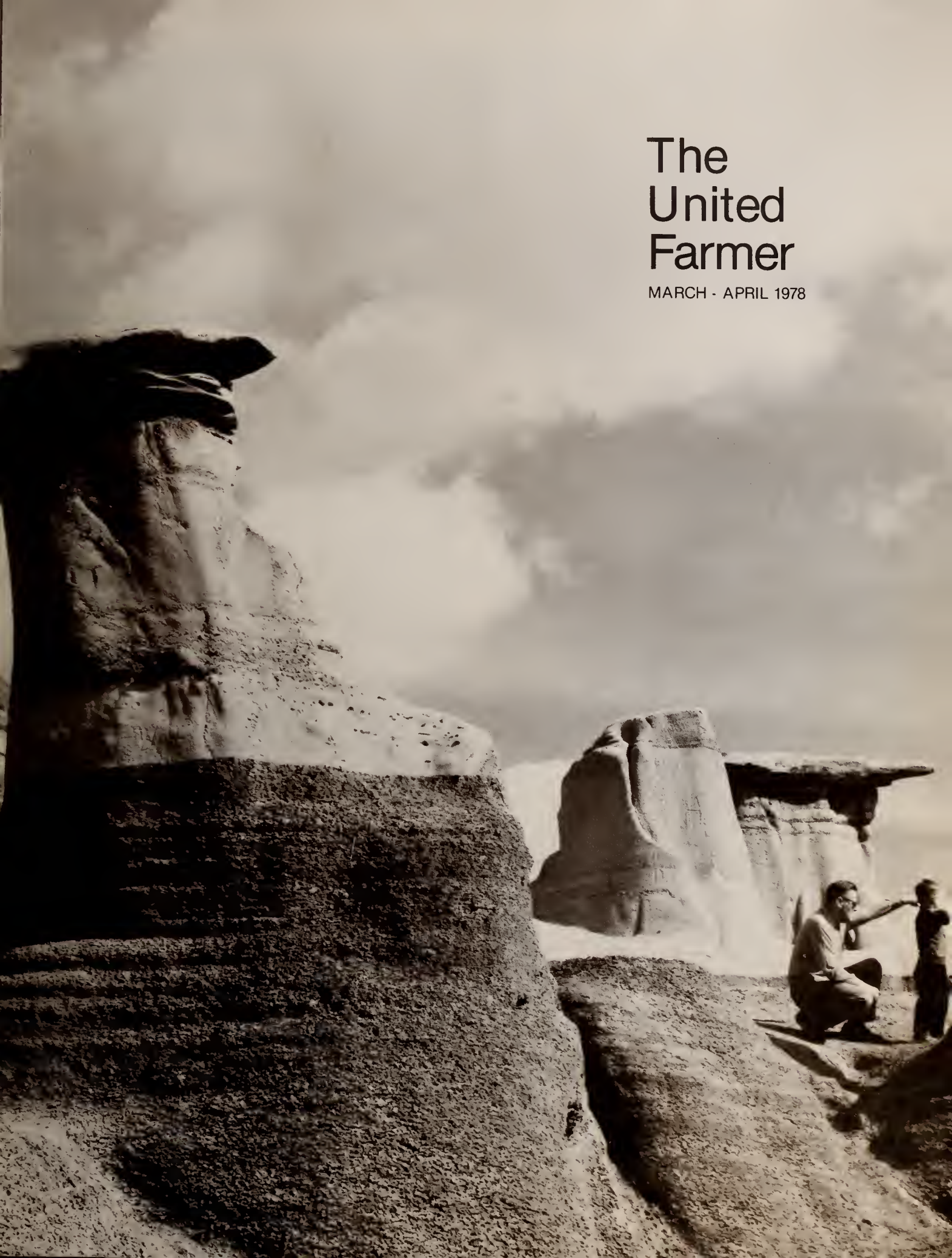

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Cover Picture
Hoodoos at Drumheller Badlands. This summer — visit Alberta — there's so much to see and do

Facts for Farmers

Number and size of prairie farms
(average size in acres)

	Alta.		Man.		Sask.	
	No.	Size	No.	Size	No.	Size
1961	73,212	645	43,306	420	94,924	686
1971	62,702	790	34,981	543	76,970	845
1976	52,310	947	29,963	628	69,578	939

Crop and Summerfallow acreage ('000 deleted)

1977 Season	Alta.	Man.	Sask.	Prairies
Bread wheat	4,300	3,100	14,700	22,400
Durum wheat	200	100	1,500	1,800
Oats	2,000	1,100	1,800	4,900
Barley	5,600	1,950	3,800	11,350
Rye	200	92	250	542
Flaxseed	120	750	550	1,420
Rapeseed	1,400	450	1,400	3,250
Summerfallow	7,100	2,300	17,800	27,200

Livestock marketed by province of origin

Slaughter Cattle	Alta.	Man.	Sask.	All Canada
1972	1,050,680	255,826	449,970	2,817,772
1973	1,040,300	249,520	404,006	2,703,863
1974	1,122,205	275,636	448,637	2,901,573
1975	1,368,367	319,991	505,927	3,418,516
1976	1,521,719	346,202	505,412	3,733,751
All Hogs				
1972	1,897,609	1,238,510	1,103,403	9,436,179
1973	1,734,065	1,276,807	1,085,662	9,137,752
1974	1,677,692	1,269,765	1,034,281	9,432,974
1975	1,242,259	873,650	615,283	7,913,149
1976	1,085,981	819,419	534,789	7,679,387
Sheep and Lambs				
1972	98,687	19,761	39,682	270,948
1973	117,211	18,110	36,683	288,724
1974	105,788	18,039	25,576	249,147
1975	105,641	14,673	14,508	222,593
1976	109,067	11,245	16,474	217,351

1978 Annual Meeting

Elections

The 1978 Annual Meeting of United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited was held at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary on March 14, 15 and 16th, 1978. There were nine Directors and 61 Delegates in attendance.

At the meeting, Delegates from the even numbered electoral districts held elections for the position of Director to the Board of United Farmers of Alberta.

Board of Directors 1978

District 1A — **Guy Turcotte**, Girouxville; District 2B — **Elwood Galloway,** Fort Saskatchewan; District 3C — **Norman White,** Innisfail; District 4D — **Howard Haney,** Picture Butte; District 5E — **Allan Sinclair,** Vulcan; District 6F — **Glenn Lunty,** Forestburg; District 7G — **Steve Shybunka,** Two Hills; District 8H — **John Onyschuk,** Radway; Affiliated Co-ops — **Clare Anderson,** Barrhead.

At the first meeting of the Board, following the Annual Meeting, the following executive was elected:

President —	**Howard Haney**
1st Vice-president —	**John Onyschuk**
2nd Vice-president —	**Norman White**

At the Annual Meeting

Credential Committee: Stuart Inge and Walter Risdon

Resolutions Committee: Roy Vold Jr., Barry Piersdorff and Stan Erickson.

Election Committee: Allan Sveinson, Alfred Hammer, George Hartley, Bill Driscoll and Gerry Barnes. As The United Farmer was going to press, we were informed of the sudden passing of George Hartley. Our deepest sympathies to the Hartley family.

Delegates' Information Committee: Jack Swainson, Lawrence Henderson, Gerry Barnes and Allan Zwierschke.

United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited would like to thank the retiring Delegates and Director Mervin Giem for their years of service as the elected representatives of the members of UFA.

Mervin R. Giem
Ferintosh

Mervin R. Giem of Ferintosh, who has conscientiously served as Director of District #6F since 1974, did not stand for re-election this year.

Originally from Melville, Saskatchewan, Mr. Giem, operated a mixed farm in the Ferintosh area. He was elected a Delegate to United Farmers of Alberta in 1969 and represented the Camrose North area before his election to the Board of Directors.

Active in farm and community organizations, Mr. Giem served as president and director of the Edberg local of Unifarm and was a charter member of the Battle River Natural Gas Co-op Association. He and his wife June have also taken an active part in their church where they held several responsible positions.

Marshall Bingeman

Marshall Bingeman of Esther was elected to the Delegate body in 1966. For twelve years he conscientiously represented Subdistrict 30, which is the Acadia area.

Mr. Bingeman also took an active part in his local community and has held executive positions on the community hall board; the Rotary Snow Plow Club and the Acadia Seed Processing Co-operative.

A grain farmer, Mr. Bingeman is a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Unifarm.

John Boychuk

Elected a delegate in 1970, John Boychuk was an effective Delegate who took his delegate responsibilities seriously.

A mixed farmer Mr. Boychuk is a member of Unifarm and the Radway Chamber of Commerce. He holds executive positions on the local Agriculture Society, Ambulance Committee, R.E.A., Community Hall, Hospital Board and in his church. During his tenure as an UFA Delegate, Mr. Boychuk served as a member of the Delegate Information Committee.

At the Annual Meeting

Herb Kruger, Gerry Barnes and John Onyschuk.

John Bobryk, Mel Longson and Joe Sejdl

Norman Drysdale

Elected a Delegate in 1972, Mr. Drysdale effectively represented the Grande Prairie East area or Sub-district #2.

Mr. Drysdale is from Clairmont and has been involved in many agricultural and community organizations. He has served on the Grande Prairie A.I. Board, the Kleshum Lake Community Pasture and the Clairmont United Church Board. Mr. Drysdale was recently appointed to the Alberta Forage Seed Council.

Henry Sawatzky

Representing Affiliated Co-ops #2, Henry Sawatzky of Carstairs was a Delegate to United Farmers of Alberta from 1974 until retiring this year.

Mr. Sawatzky raises grain and beef. Prior to his election as UFA Delegate, he served for ten years on the Midway School Board and was also active as secretary-treasurer of Unifarm District 105; president of Carstairs Oil Co-op and on the board of the Neapolis Co-op.

James Hadfield

Retiring this year from the Delegate body is veteran Delegate Jim Hadfield of Cardston who has served United Farmers of Alberta since 1964. A pioneer Albertan, Mr. Hadfield has always lived in this area known as Whiskey Gap.

A mixed farmer, Mr. Hadfield served at one time on the municipal council as president of the local Unifarm and the Boundary R.E.A.

C.S. John Vos

Our most northerly Delegate, John Vos of Keg River, retired this year as the elected member from the Grimshaw-Battle River area. Mr. Vos conscientiously served the Delegates in Sub-district #6.

Mr. Vos raises grain on his farm which is located 105 miles north of Peace River on the Mackenzie Highway. He has served as chairman of the advisory committee for Improvement District #23 and is a member of Unifarm.

Stanley Reid

As the Delegate from Sub-district #54, Stan Reid had previously served the members from the Lac St. Anne area before returning as a delegate in 1974.

Mr. Reid operates a mixed farm. He has a daughter and seven sons and has spent considerable time watching his boys playing hockey and baseball.

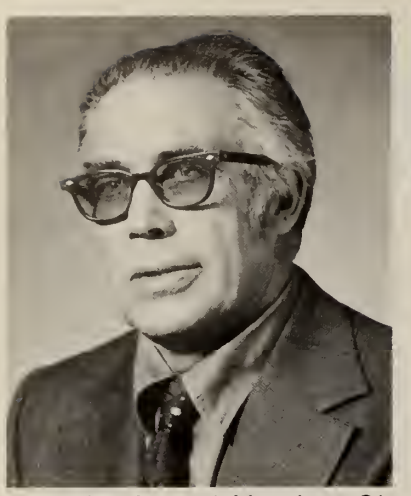
However, Mr. Reid has also found time to serve as secretary of his Unifarm local and act on the executive of the Onoway Service arena.

Leslie Webster

Les Webster became a Delegate to UFA in 1968 and during his tenure conscientiously fulfilled his responsibilities as the elected representative from the Camrose North area.

Mr. Webster has a mixed farm. He is a director of the Beaverhill Gas Co-op and has served as a district director of Unifarm, secretary-treasurer of the local Fish and Game Association and is a member of the Wheat Pool, U.G.G., and the Masonic Lodge.

New Director and



H. Glenn Lunty
Forestburg

At the Annual Meeting, Glenn Lunty of Forestburg was elected Director of District 6F. Elected a Delegate to UFA in 1968, Mr. Lunty has always taken an active part in farm and community organizations. In the past, he has served as secretary of the Woodrow Mutual Telephone Company and the Hastings Coulee Pest Control. He was a board member of his local R.E.A.; a member of the Wheat Pool Advisory Board; a Delegate to the Alberta Livestock Commission; president of his F.U.A. local and director of the South Flagstaff Gas Co-op.

At the present time, Mr. Lunty is clerk of session of Bethal United Church; C.I. delegate for the Stettler depot; president of the Forestburg Co-op Store board; a district board member of Unifarm; a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Royal Arch of which he is a past master.

Mr. Lunty has a mixed farm 6 miles S.W. and 1½ miles west of Forestburg. He and his wife Dorothy have seven children, Vivian, Gordon, Charlotte, Lois, Jeanette, John, Christine and two grandchildren.

William L. Darbel
Alsask, Saskatchewan

Although Mr. Darbel receives his mail at Alsask, Saskatchewan, his home and farm are in Alberta. He replaces Marshall Bingeman as the delegate from the Acadia area and will be representing the members in Sub-district #30.

Mr. Darbel has a grain and beef operation. He has served on the special area advisory committee and the special area advisory road committee. He is a member of Unifarm, the Alberta Wheat Pool and the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. A past president of the local Lion's Club, he is a past district deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Darbel and his wife Violet have two sons, David, who is in the electrical contracting business in Medicine Hat and Brian, who is on the family farm. Several hobbies interest Mr. Darbel, among them curling. He has always been a keen supporter and volunteer worker in all local activities, among them the local hall and curling rink.

Fred Evenson
Kingman

Our new delegate from the Camrose North area, replaces Les Webster and will represent the members in Sub-district #36.

Born in Camrose, Mr. Evenson's grain, beef and poultry enterprise is located at Kingman. His grandparents were some of the first people to settle in the Kingman area where Mr. Evenson grew up and received his education. For a number of years, he worked away from the farm and then became a full time farmer when he purchased the family farm and additional land.

Prior to becoming a delegate to United Farmers of Alberta, Mr. Evenson served on the Delegates Advisory Committee. He has also been secretary of the local recreation association.

Fred and his wife Nancy have three children — Lyndel, Jason and Kevin. For hobbies, Mr. Evenson likes to curl, skate, swim and golf.

John Small
Radway

A native of the Radway area, Mr. Small replaces John Boychuk as the delegate from the Thorhild area and will represent the members in Sub-district #52. Mr. Small raises barley, rapeseed and beef cattle on the family farm which has been in existence since 1920.

Before becoming a full time farmer, Mr. Small taught school for 27 years. For 21 of these years, he taught at Radway School and was also for six years, the principal and vice-principal. During the last 16 years of teaching, he was actively engaged in farming.

Mr. Small has served on the advisory board of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Radway and the County of Thorhild. He is a director of the Woodgrove local of Unifarm and is a committee member for the Alberta Wheat Pool, Sub-district #606.

He and his wife Mary Lee have three children, Dan, Johnnie and Alan. For hobbies, Mr. Small enjoys farming, reading, ice fishing and hockey games.

Delegates Elected

Lynn D. Sommerfeldt
Cardston

Replacing veteran delegate Jim Hadfield as the delegate from the Cardston area is Lynn Sommerfeldt. His ranch is located in the colorful and historic Whiskey Gap area of Alberta. He will represent the members in Sub-district #28.

Born in Cardston, Mr. Sommerfeldt attended school in Jefferson and Cardston. After high school he worked at the Treasury Branch in Vulcan and then at a farm supply centre in Lethbridge. He purchased the ranch at Whiskey Gap in 1966 and has a commercial head of cattle and 60 head of purebred brown swiss cows.

Mr. Sommerfeldt has been on the executive of the Brown Swiss Organization of Alberta, the Boundary Mutual Telephone Association and is now serving with the Chief Mountain Gas Co-op. He is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

He and his wife Barbara have a son Don Kerr. For hobbies, Mr. Sommerfeldt enjoys fishing, dancing, camping and curling.

William A. Watson
Sangudo

Recently elected by the members of the Lac Ste. Anne area to represent them is William A. Watson of Sangudo. He will be the Delegate for Sub-district #54.

Originally from Northumberland, England, Mr. Watson has a mixed farm. He was a member of the F.U.A. Travers local, served as a board member of the Lomond R.E.A. from 1954 -1963 and was elected to the Irrigation Board for Bow West.

Since moving to Sangudo in 1964, he has become a member of Unifarm, the Agricultural Society and is president of the Royal Canadian Legion #123.

Mr. Watson and his wife Caye who have eight children, also raised two other boys with their family. Six of the members of their family are married, one is in University and three are at home.

For hobbies, Mr. Watson enjoys carpentry and mechanics.

Orval Sorken
Sexsmith

There are not too many who can claim to be natives of the Peace River. Orval Sorken is one who can. He was born in Sexsmith where he now has a thousand acres and raises mixed grains. He replaces Norman Drysdale as the delegate for Sub-district #2 and will represent the Grande Prairie East area.

Orval worked at the Grande Prairie Farm Supply Centre in 1962 and 1963 as a warehouseman and again in 1972 and 1973 as the customer service supervisor.

He is the 1978 president of the Teepee Creek Stampede Association. This stampede draws thousands of people to this small village every year. Orval has also served as president of the Teepee Home and School Association and is a member of the Elks Lodge #284.

He and his wife Betty have three children Darcy, Shelley and Laura. For hobbies he enjoys curling and playing ball.

Karl Wirth
Bowden

A resident of the Bowden area where he first came in 1929, Mr. Karl Wirth cleared his land by hand. A true pioneer of the area, he lived, until a couple of years ago, in the log cabin he had built. Mr. Wirth is the new delegate for the Affiliated Co-ops #2 and replaces Henry Sawatzky of Carstairs.

He has also been a pioneer in the co-op movement and was involved with the Eagle Hill Co-operative when it was first started in a 10' x 12' granary. He served as director of Eagle Hill Co-op for 22 years and as president for 10 of these years.

He has a grain and beef operation on his half section that he works with a neighbour. For hobbies, Mr. Wirth enjoys farming and music.

Petroleum A

The head office of United Farmers of Alberta is in Calgary. This is where the Division Manager, the Region Managers and the Marketing Co-ordinator of the Petroleum Division have their offices. In addition, there are eight Marketing Supervisors in Alberta. All these men have responsible positions and work hard to ensure that the Petroleum Division is efficient and productive.

But go into one of the communities in Alberta that has an UFA Petroleum Agency . . . talk with the people in the town . . . and they'll tell you who UFA is in their town. It's their Petroleum Agent — he's the man they do business with and to them, he's Mister UFA.

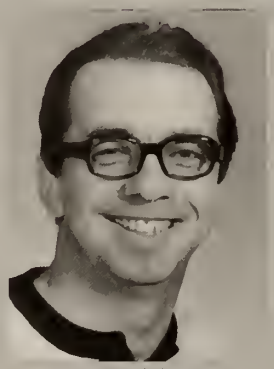
A hearty salute to our UFA Agents and Managers of Petroleum Associations. It was your individual initiative and energetic performance that achieved the sales recorded in the Petroleum Division.

Awards were recently presented to the winners and runners-up, in each of the respective petroleum territories, for the Best Volume Increase, Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio and Most Farm Calls categories. Overall Alberta Awards were also presented to Lee Smithson for Best Volume Increase; Ray Miller for Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio; and Dean Jones for Most Farm Calls.

Winners in each category received a trophy and a cheque and the runners-up were presented with a cheque.

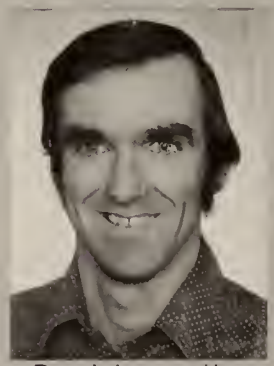
Million Gallon Club

Best Volume Increase



Lee Smithson
Spirit River
Winner
North Region

Marcel Auger
Petroleum Manager
Medicine Hat
Co-op Association Ltd.
Winner, South Region



Daryl Jeannotte
Bay Tree
Runner-up
North Region

Rusty Jorgenson
Drayton Valley
Runner-up
South Region

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Million Gallon Club

In 1975, the Million Gallon Club was created. Agents or Member Associations that sold one million gallons or more in the fiscal year qualified for membership.

In recognition of this achievement, each member of the Million Gallon Club received a plaque for selling one million gallons and a gold bar for each of the next million gallons sold.

For the third year, members of the Million Gallon Club competed against each other in the Volume Increase Awards in the North and South Regions and were separately recognized.

Petroleum Awards

Achieving membership in 1977 to the Million Gallon Club were: High River Co-op Oils, Bob Butcher, Petroleum Manager; Bob Matthews, Eckville; Ray Miller, Red Deer.

Million Gallon Club Members 1977

Ken Altheim
Stony Plain

Beaver Creek Co-op Association Ltd.
Lamont
Ed Krill, Manager

Eldon Cage
Beaverlodge

A. (Ted) Doucet
Falher

Elwood E. Dutton
Valleyview

Adolf Dzieglo
Athabasca

Fentie's Fuel Service Ltd.
Dunc Fentie
Fairview

G. (Bert) Galliford
Onoway

Bill Garnett
Vermilion

High River Co-op Oils Ltd.
Bob Butcher, Manager
High River

G.O. Jacobsen
High Prairie

Daryl Jeannotte
Bay Tree

Rusty Jorgenson
Drayton Valley

Rodney T. Keast
Lacombe

Garry Sallis
Manning

Fred Mason
Grande Prairie

H. Gordon Mason
Camrose

Robert Matthews
Eckville

Medicine Hat Co-op Association Ltd.
Marcel Auger,
Petroleum Manager
Medicine Hat

Raymond Miller
Red Deer

Gib Paradis
Edmonton

Pembina UFA Co-op Association
Lyle Leyh,
Petroleum Manager
Westlock

Pincher Creek Co-op Association
Joe Bonertz
Petroleum Manager
Pincher Creek

Ponoka Co-op Oils Ltd.
Alex J. Williamson,
Manager
Ponoka

Glen Roberts
Carstairs

Bob Sieker
Wembley

Allan P. Smith
Calgary

Lee Smithson
Spirit River

Wetaskiwin Co-op Refineries Ltd.
John Lillebuen,
Manager
Wetaskiwin

Jack Williams
Lethbridge

Russ Wilson
Olds

Greg Yohemas
Salisbury

Alberta Awards

Best Volume Increase
R. Lee Smithson
Spirit River

Lee Smithson took over the busy Spirit River Agency on January 5th, 1976. In the two years since he has been the Agent, Lee has worked hard and his dynamic drive to increase volume at Smithson's Farm Service Limited has achieved outstanding results. In the 1977 year, Lee showed an increase of 17.6%.

Originally from the Camrose area, Lee grew up on the family farm and now has his own farm. A graduate of the University of Alberta, he taught school for awhile and prior to joining United Farmers of Alberta was a sales manager for Block Brothers Realty.

Lee, his wife Darlene, daughter Carla and son Christopher belong to the Grace Gospel Church. Lee is also a member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to winning the Alberta Award for the Best Volume Increase, Lee was also the Million Gallon Club Volume Increase winner in the North Region and the Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio winner in Territory #8.

Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio
Raymond J. Miller
Red Deer

Prior to becoming the UFA Agent at Red Deer on March 1, 1977, Ray Miller was a partsman for four years and also worked on oil rigs. He certainly seems to have found his niche in the petroleum business as his awards this year testify.

As well as winning the Alberta Award for the Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio, Ray was the winner of the Best Volume Increase, Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio and Most Farm Calls in Territory #4. And to top this off, he became a member of the Million Gallon Club.

Born in Swalwell, Ray grew up on the family farm in the Acme area. He is an avid sportsman and likes to ski, snowmobile, bowl, curl, boat and rollerskate. He belongs to the local snowmobile club and the Elks Lodge.

Most Farm Calls
Dean Jones
Byemoor

Raised on the family farm in the Stettler area, Dean attended school at Endiang, Craigmyle, Byemoor, Hanna and Ponoka. Prior to joining UFA as the Agent at Byemoor on February 14, 1976, he worked for Gorman's Ltd. in Calgary for two years and for Hanna Farm Equipment.

In this year's Petroleum Awards, Dean was the Provincial Winner of the Most Farm Calls and was also the winner of the Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio and the Most Farm Calls in Territory #3. Dean's wife Brenda has been a great help to him in his business.

In addition to refereeing hockey games, Dean enjoys all sports. He is a member of the Byemoor Curling Club and the Sullivan Lake West Agricultural Society.

Best Volume Increase

Territory Awards

Petroleum Awards

Joe Konynenbelt
Nobleford
Winner — Terr. #1

Jim Fraser
Rockyford
Winner — Terr. #2

Don Swanston
Acadia Valley
Winner — Terr. #3

Ray Miller
Red Deer
Winner — Terr. #4

Doug Lindquist
Elk Point
Winner — Terr. #5

William Friesen
Tofield
Winner — Terr. #6

Gerhard Byers, Manager
Neerlandia
Co-op Association
Winner — Terr. #7

William Nowek
Hines Creek
Winner — Terr. #8

Albert Calkins
Pickardville
Pembina — Winner

Best Volume Increase

Territory Awards

Joe Bondy
Nanton
Runner-up — Terr. #1

Bob Butcher, Manager
High River Co-op Oils
Runner-up — Terr. #2

Lewis Falls
Forestburg
Runner-up — Terr. #3

Walter B. Carstairs
Warburg
Runner-up — Terr. #4

Steve Warawa
Mannville
Runner-up — Terr. #5

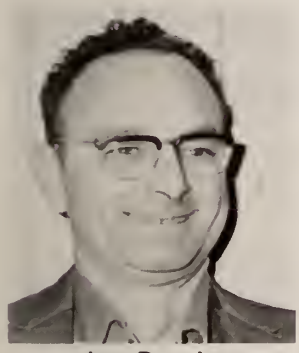
Raymond Horricks
Lougheed
Runner-up — Terr. #6

Les Hibbard
Nampa
Runner-up — Terr. #7

Ray Peterson
Sexsmith
Runner-up — Terr. #8

Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio
Territory Awards

Petroleum Awards



Joe Bondy
Nanton
Winner — Terr. #1

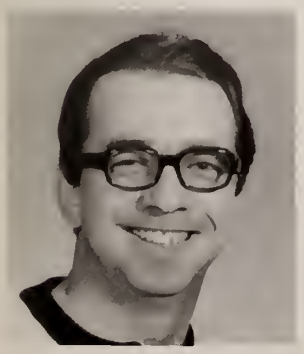
Dean Jones
Byemoor
Winner — Terr. #3

Raymond Miller
Red Deer
Winner — Terr. #4

Richard Hill
Spedden
Winner — Terr. #5

Gib Paradis
Edmonton
Winner — Terr. #6

G. ("Tippy") Jacobsen
High Prairie
Winner — Terr. #7



Lee Smithson
Spirit River
Winner — Terr. #8

Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio
Territory Awards

Marcel Auger,
Petroleum Manager
Medicine Hat Co-op
Association Limited
Runner-up — Terr. #1

Gilbert Liknes
Consort
Runner-up — Terr. #3

Ed Reid, Manager
Spruce View
Co-op Association
Runner -up — Terr. #4

Palma Paulson
Gladstone
Runner-up — Terr. #6

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Eugene Dumont
Petroleum Manager
Girouxville General
Co-op Association
Runner-up — Terr. #7

Jarvis Shail
Hythe
Runner-up — Terr. #8

At the Annual Meeting

Ivan Watson, Irvin Kopp and Jean Simard

Allan Sinclair and Deane Sharpe

Most Farm Calls
Territory Awards

John Yanco
Ft. Macleod
Winner — Terr. #1

William Little
Okotoks
Winner — Terr. #2

Dean Jones
Byemoor
Winner — Terr. #3

Raymond Miller
Red Deer
Winner — Terr. #4

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Wainwright
Winner — Terr. #5

Gib Paradis
Edmonton
Winner — Terr. #6

G. (Bert) Galliford
Onoway
Winner — Terr. #7

William Nowek
Hines Creek
Winner — Terr. #8

Albert Steinbring, Gordon Jones and Jim Durie

Claude Stevens, Lawrence Proudfoot and Ben Mehlsen

Most Farm Calls
Territory Awards

D. Harvey Williams
Cardston
Runner-up — Terr. #1

High River Co-op
Oils Ltd.
Bob Butcher, Manager
Runner-up — Terr. #2

D. Jim Kirby
Delia
Runner-up — Terr. #3

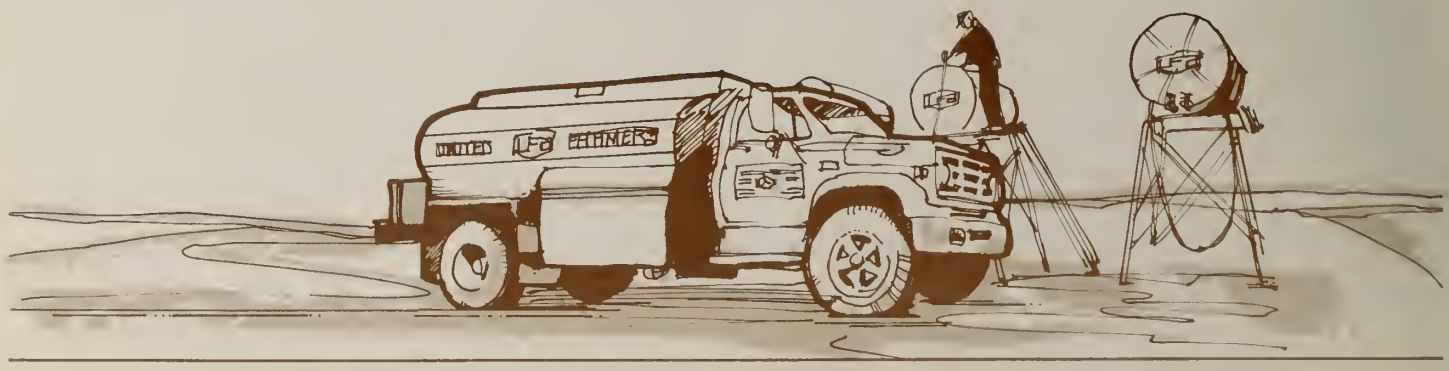
Don Hennel
Stettler
Runner-up — Terr. #4

Selmer Syverson
Provost
Runner-up — Terr. #5

Dennis Leicht
Hay Lakes
Runner-up — Terr. #6

Adolf Dzieglo
Athabasca
Runner-up — Terr. #7

Dunc Fentie
Fairview
Runner-up — Terr. #8



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